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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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) CASE CLOSURES UNDER
) ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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I. INTRODUCTION

The cases listed below have been identified as low priority based upon evaluation under the Enforcement Priority System (EPS). This report is submitted to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue these cases.

At the Executive Session held on May 18, 1999, we proposed 13 cases for closure under EPS. Those cases were closed, effective May 19, 1999.

Future closing reports will be prepared and forwarded for the Commission's consideration on a bi-monthly basis, with the next closing report scheduled for late July 1999.

II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE

**Cases Not Warranting Further Action Relative to Other Cases
Pending Before the Commission**

EPS was created to identify pending cases that, due to the length of their pendency in inactive status or the lower priority of the issues raised in the matters relative to others presently pending before the Commission, do not warrant further expenditure of resources. Central Enforcement Docket (CED)

evaluates each incoming matter using Commission-approved criteria which results in a numerical rating for each case.

Closing these cases permits the Commission to focus its limited resources on more important cases presently pending before it. Based upon this review, we have identified 31 cases that do not warrant further action relative to other pending matters.¹ The attachments to this report contain a factual summary of each case, the EPS rating, and the factors leading to assignment of a low priority and recommendation not to further pursue the matter.

We recommend that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and close the cases listed below, effective June 10, 1999. Closing these cases as of this date will allow CED and the Legal Review Team the necessary time to prepare closing letters and case files for the public record.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

¹ These cases are:

MUR 4792 (Gary S. Mueller For Congress); MUR 4793 (Friends For Weiner); MUR 4794 (Deschamps For Congress); MUR 4799 (Baker For Congress); MUR 4800 (Nick Smith For Congress); MUR 4813 (Boozman For U.S. Senate); MUR 4816 (Calvert For Congress); MUR 4819 (Missourians For Kit Bond); MUR 4821 (Lazio For Congress); MUR 4823 (Friends of Newt Gingrich, et al.); MUR 4824 (Mike Taylor For Congress); MUR 4829 (Jim Lawing); MUR 4833 (Mark Udall For Congress); MUR 4835 (McManus For Congress); MUR 4836 (Don Stenberg For Senate Committee); MUR 4846 (Sherman For Congress); MUR 4848 (Columbia County Democratic Committee); MUR 4849 (Odom For Congress); MUR 4854 (Dick Collins); MUR 4862 (Don Chairez For Congress); MUR 4864 (Missourians For Kit Bond); MUR 4870 (Christian Coalition); MUR 4874 (Holt For Congress) and MUR 4878 (West Virginia Republican State Executive Committee).

Take no action, close the file effective June 10, 1999, and approve the appropriate letters in the following matters:

	MUR 4816	MUR 4848
	MUR 4819	MUR 4849
	MUR 4821	MUR 4854
MUR 4792	MUR 4823	MUR 4862
MUR 4793	MUR 4824	MUR 4864
MUR 4794	MUR 4829	
MUR 4799	MUR 4833	MUR 4870
MUR 4800	MUR 4835	MUR 4874
	MUR 4836	
MUR 4813	MUR 4846	MUR 4878

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Attachment